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Sir:

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 original patent application,
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INVENTOR(S): Henri Jacques Suermondt et al.

TITLE: METHOD FOR A TOPIC HIERARCHY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

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 3 sheets of drawings (one set) Associate Power of Attorney
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